GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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ANIMALS IN PRIVATE CAPTIVITY
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Farm Houses in Delhi and nearby States have become a heaven for keeping wild animals in captivity;

(b) if so, the details of cases and persons arrested during each of the last three years in Delhi and nearby States under the Wildlife Protection Act and other related Acts for keeping wild and endangered animals in captivity;

(c) whether the Government propose to start a survey to find out the exact numbers of wild animals being kept in captivity in these Farm Houses;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. However a few cases of keeping wild animals in captivity have been reported from Delhi and nearby states. As per the available information details of major cases are as under:

STATE 2000-01 2001-02 2002-03

Animal seized Persons arrested Animal seized Persons arrested
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Delhi Barking deer - 2 1 Indian soft shell 2 Black buck- 1 1
Falcons - 5 1 turtle - 18 Python -1 1
Falcons - 3 1 Spiny tailed
lizard -1
& snakes- 5 1

Haryana - - Black buck - 1 - Black buck-2 -

(c), (d) & (e) Unauthorized keeping of wild animals in captivity is an offence under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. Based on the intelligence collected/information received raids are conducted and action is taken.